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TWO DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY TO ARMED BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two defendant pleaded guilty in federal court today to robbing Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Company last month.

Johnny R. Doss, 25, and **Kiesha E. Buie**, 20, both of Kansas City, Mo., waived their right to a grand jury and each pleaded guilty in separate appearances before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to a federal information that charges them with armed bank robbery. They were originally charged in a federal criminal complaint filed on Jan. 23, 2006.

By pleading guilty today, **Doss** and **Buie** admitted that they stole \$8,772 from Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Company, 4315 Sterling Rd. in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 4, 2006. Although neither **Doss** nor **Buie** were armed with any firearms, Graves explained, a shotgun was used to commit the robbery.

Doss and **Buie** forced their way into the bank with a co-defendant immediately after two bank employees arrived for work in the morning, Graves said. The tellers told the armed robbers that they couldn't open the safe, and led them to their teller drawers. While one of the clerks bent over to attempt to open a small safe where their teller drawers were located, she was struck in the head. The robbers ordered the tellers to lie on the floor as they left the bank, stealing one of the tellers' cars, which was later abandoned in Raytown, Mo.

On Jan. 5, 2006, after surveillance photographs had been broadcast by local media, an anonymous tip was received by Greater Kansas City Crimestoppers. Law enforcement officers investigated that tip, which led to the arrests.

Under federal statutes, **Voss** and **Buie** each could be subject to a sentence of up to 25 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be

scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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